

workers. Over the course of 12-hour shifts standing in production lines with temperatures up to 120 degrees Fahrenheit, workers breathe air contaminated by dust, ammonia, and feathers. These workers are vulnerable to all manner of health problems, including coughs, asthma, bronchitis, carpal tunnel syndrome, chemical burns, staph infections, and loss of limbs in dulled machinery.

Mr. Speaker, I urge you and my colleagues to review the well-researched and documented Fowl Matters report by visiting the RCC website, at www.rachelcarsoncouncil.org. We must keep these profound concerns in mind as we craft policies affecting the poultry industry and work to ensure strong enforcement of our environmental laws to protect the health and safety of communities nationwide.

FY18 TRUMP BUDGET CUTS EDUCATION

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 27, 2017

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition of President Trump's proposed budget for the fiscal year 2018, specifically those within K–12 education.

The President's budget proposal aims to cut education spending by 13.5 percent. \$9.2 billion dollars would be stripped from the federal education budget which would limit programs such as Title I, which provides targeted financial assistance to schools with high percentages of low-income students.

The President's budget is narrowly focused on 10 percent of students enrolled in private and charter schools, while neglecting the 90 percent enrolled in public schools. My job as a Member of Congress is to vote and be a voice for the constituents in my home state of Alabama. This budget will implement, and promote unproven programs such as charter schools and vouchers which will only benefit 10 percent of the student population and threaten public schools in my district.

This budget proposal will not only extract money from the public-school system, but will divert \$1.4 billion dollars from already struggling public schools to unaccountable charter schools. Due to the lack of transparency within the charter schools and voucher system, it would appear as though school choice is a program that allows people to contribute to a charitable act to improve student's education. However, research has shown that the "private" schools that students would be sent to are often not accredited and the children's performance does not improve in these settings.

Alabama has some of the lowest property taxes in the country and doesn't target any state and local funding to schools with a high need. For schools in low-income, rural districts like mine these disinvestments result in a heavy reliance on federal education dollars. President Trump's plan not only redirects money to private schools, but will also allow states more flexibility to control how local educational dollars are spent. This could be fatal for public schools across rural Alabama.

The legacy I want to leave as Representative of the 7th Congressional District is to equip young people with the tools needed to

succeed in the workforce. This is the chief reason I am concerned about the impact of the disinvestments in public schools and students proposed in President Trump's budget.

IMMIGRANT HERITAGE MONTH

HON. RYAN A. COSTELLO

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 27, 2017

Mr. COSTELLO of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate Immigrant Heritage Month. America is a great nation of immigrants, and we should recognize the countless contributions and positive impact immigrants have made on our country.

We should take pride in the fact that most of us have passed down the stories of our families traveling from somewhere else in pursuit of the American Dream. I'm proud to be the descendant of Irish, Italian, and German immigrants who sought a better life in the United States.

Our country was built on the just belief that all men are created equal, and we have a proud history of advancing economic, educational, and personal opportunity.

It is my honor to take this opportunity to celebrate our country's traditions during Immigrant Heritage Month.

HONORING THE LIFE OF FIRE CHIEF EDWARD SWITALSKI, JR.

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 27, 2017

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with great sadness to commemorate the life of a brave hero, Fire Chief Edward Switalski, Jr., who tragically lost his life in the line of duty. Chief Switalski died while serving others, just as he had selflessly done for over 35 years.

I want to begin by extending my heartfelt condolences to Chief Switalski's family, his wife Holly, two daughters Alison and Emily, his brother and sister and many nieces and nephews, and fellow members of the fire communities in which the Chief served. May you find comfort in the fond memories you share together.

Chief Switalski served the Pleasantview Fire Protection District in my district for over 34 years. Soon after he became a firefighter, he was quickly promoted to the rank of Lieutenant, then rose to be a Captain, and in 2013 he retired as the Battalion Chief. After retiring from the Pleasantview Fire Protection District, Chief Switalski joined the Comstock Township Fire Department in Michigan where he served from 2013 until he died at the scene of an accident on June 14, 2017.

While serving the communities of the southwest suburbs of Chicago, Chief Switalski was awarded with the Medal of Valor for saving a fallen firefighter, and named the Pleasantview Firefighter of the Year. Chief Switalski was a dedicated and spiritual man. He knew at a very young age that he wanted to be a firefighter, just like his grandfather. He also served his community as a volunteer with numerous organizations and was chairman of his

congregation at Peace Lutheran in Illinois before becoming an active member of the Zion Lutheran Church in Kalamazoo, Michigan. Following Hurricane Katrina, Chief Switalski was honored for his efforts in New Orleans in assisting those who lost everything. This experience awakened a renewed sense of giving back and the chief's love of mission work. It was through mission work where the chief embraced a strengthened bond with his daughters Alison and Emily.

Chief Switalski's death is a great loss for his family and for the communities he served. He was a generous and selfless man, who cared deeply for his wife, daughters, and all his loved ones, including the people he served. He enjoyed being outdoors fishing and boating and being with his family and friends. And like many of us, Chief Switalski was a huge Chicago Cubs fan and loved watching them finally win the World Series last November.

I ask my colleagues today in the House of Representatives to honor the life of Chief Edward Switalski, Jr. He gave so much to others and will be greatly missed.

JONATHAN ISAAC

HON. FRANCIS ROONEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 27, 2017

Mr. FRANCIS ROONEY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Jonathan Isaac of Naples on being the sixth overall pick in the NBA draft to the Orlando Magic. Isaac spent part of his high school career playing for Baron Collier High School in Naples and he continued to amaze fans of the game during his time at Florida State University.

During his freshman year at Florida State, Isaac averaged 12 points and 7.8 rebounds per game. He also led the Seminoles to one of the most memorable seasons in program history with a 26–9 record, and an advancement to the second round of the NCAA tournament. I am look forward to seeing what Jonathan will accomplish as he continues to make his home of Naples and the entire state of Florida proud.

RECOGNIZING TREY MILLER FOR HIS STATE TITLE IN THE 100 METER HURDLES

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 27, 2017

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Trey Miller, a senior from Lewistown High School, for earning the Class IA title for the Illinois State Championship in the 110 meter hurdles.

Trey Miller earned a time of 14.80 seconds in the 110 meter hurdles to claim his title as state champion, and I would like to recognize Trey for his tremendous accomplishment. Trey's dedication and passion for his sport meant that he was determined to win gold, even after winning silver in last year's 110 high hurdles state championship. As a former athlete, I understand the amount of hard work